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SOVIETS DEMAND USE OF 4,000 GDR FREIGHT CARS -- Duesseldorf, Verkehrs-Wirtschaft, 20 Dec 52

According to a report from the Informationsbuero West, the eight Reichsbahn directorates of the GDR were to put 4,000 freight cars at the disposal of the Soviets by the end of 1952, in accordance with a secret order of the Soviet Control Commission. The cars had to be in such condition as to comply with all safety regulations and were to be assembled centrally at the Cottbus and Frankfurt/Oder stations. Individual Reichsbahn directorates were reported to have received instructions to dispatch to the assembly points from 300 to 600 cars, depending on the size of their rolling stock.

The report indicated that the removal of 4,000 freight cars from the control of the GDR government would doubtless further aggravate the transportation situation in the GDR, which had brought on a flood of complaints during the past weeks and specifically had caused a crisis in coal supply.

HUNGARY BUILDS RAIL DIESEL CARS FOR GDR -- Duesseldorf, Verkehrs-Wirtschaft,

The Ganz Railroad Car Factory at Budapest has started building a four-unit diesel streamliner capable of a speed of 160 kilometers per hour. It is powered by two diesel engines of 600 horsepower each. Until now, no diesel engines of such high output have been built in Hungary, and they had to be newly de-

The first train is to be turned over to the Hungarian State Railroads, the others are to go to the railroads of the GDR. However, the plant is experiencing serious difficulties in meeting its production program, especially in the rail diesel car department, which has had seven new chief engineers during the last 6 months. Many rail diesel cars built there for export to the Soviet bloc were returned to the plant shortly after their delivery because of technical defects.

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